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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S AFRICA TRIP: SALISBURY ARRANGE-
MENTS

REF: EDMONDSON-SEITZ TELCON

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN NOW PLANS TO DEPART LONDON AT
1800 APRIL 13 ARRIVING DAR ES SALAAM EARLY APRIL 14.
HE LOOKS FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY
SOME TIME FRIDAY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND, FOLLOWING VANCE-OWEN TELEPHONE CON-
VERSATION THIS MORNING, THAT IT IS NOW AGREED THE U.S.
AND UK PARTIES WILL VISIT SALISBURY ON MONDAY, APRIL 17.
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THERE IS STILL SOME QUESTION WHETHER THE PARTIES WILL
OVERNIGHT APRIL 16 IN JOHANNESBURG FOR A MEETING WITH
BOTH A AND PROCEED THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO SALISBURY, OR
REMAIN IN DAR ES SALAAM AND FLY DIRECT TO SALISBURY THE
NEXT MORNING ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 0800. IN EITHER
EVENT THE BRITISH AGREE WITH OUR SUGGESTION THAT WE
SHOULD PLAN NO OVERNIGHT IN SALISBURY.

3. FCO IS PREPARED TO ARRANGE SCHEDULING THROUGH THEIR OFFICE IN SALISBURY. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT S/S OFFICER WILL BE ARRIVING IN SALISBURY BEFORE THE PARTY AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE THERE (FRASER WILSON).

4. IN PREVIOUS VISITS OWEN HAS BASED HIMSELF AT THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN THE SALISBURY SUBURBS (MIRIMBA HOUSE). THE HOUSE IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE AS A BASE FOR BOTH PARTIES AND IS LOCATED SOME TWENTY MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN. WE ASSUME THE SECRETARY WILL REQUIRE OFFICE SPACE DURING THE SALISBURY STOPOVER, AND IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEN OWEN MAY WANT TO SET UP HIS OWN LOCATION NEARER THE SECRETARY. DOES DEPT HAVE TENTATIVE PLANS WE CAN PASS TO OWEN'S OFFICE? FCO POINTS OUT THAT OWEN HAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED TRANSPORTATION (AUTOMOBILES) AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY IN PRETORIA.

5. ALSO ON FORMER OCCASIONS, OWEN HAS NOT MET WITH SMITH IN ANY RHODESIA GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUT, RATHER, AT SMITH'S HOME. IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN THIS PRECEDENT.

6. OWEN PARTY WOULD PLAN TO LEAVE SALISBURY NOT LATER
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THAN 2200 APRIL 17 RETURNING HERE BY 1100 TUESDAY
MORNING.

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